

REMARKS

Claims 7, 28, 31 and 32 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 7 and 28 are independent. Independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled in response to the Decision on Appeal decided March 25, 2009, which concurred with the Examiner in rejecting Claims 1 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

The Decision on Appeal decided March 25, 2009 finally rejected Claims 1 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). These claims have been cancelled. The Decision further reversed the Examiner's rejection of Claims 7, 28 and 31-32. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly requested.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

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